

## INCREASED ASSESSMENT.

### VALUE OF KANSAS RAILROAD PROPERTIES RAISED BY THE BOARD.

**The Santa Fe's Assessment Will Be Cut Down, but Other Roads Will Have to Stand a Raise—Still at Work.**

Topeka, Kas., May 13.—(Special.) The state board of railroad assessors is still grinding away at the annual assessment of Kansas railroads. The members assert that so far they have made only preliminary figures and that nothing will be finally decided until the end of the week. However, the board has been giving a hearing to the various roads in Kansas and to the representatives of these roads the preliminary figures are exhibited by the board. As each one of these representatives comes from his hearing looking a little bit hotter than the man who went in before him, it is not improbable that the assessment of all the Kansas roads will be raised. These representatives have figured it up, after exchanging experiences, that the five principal roads in the state will be affected about as follows:

The Union Pacific will be increased on its total assessment about \$5,000; the Rock Island will be increased about the same or a little more; the Santa Fe will be decreased about \$50,000 and still have the largest assessment per mile of any road in the state; the Missouri, Kansas & Texas will be raised about \$50,000; while the Missouri Pacific representative dependently says he is afraid the board will add about \$1,500,000 to the total valuation of his company. It is expected that the total railroad valuation of the state, which is now \$9,764,653, will be raised about \$4,000,000.

## CHOCTAW RAILWAY CASE.

**It Will Probably Be Heard in the Supreme Court on June 12.**

Washington, May 13.—(Special.) The department of justice has been informed by United States Attorney Brooks, of Oklahoma, that the supreme court of the territory will meet on the 11th of June, and he believes that he can arrange to have the Choctaw injunction appeal case taken up on the 12th of June, so that very little delay will be experienced by the company or the people concerned by reason of appeal proceedings.

The department understands that the temporary injunction dissolved by Justice Scott upon which an appeal is taken, will force the company not to lay track and construct road on disputed right of way route until appeal is passed upon in supreme court.

There is a report to the effect that an attorney in the department is likely to be sent to Guthrie to argue the case or aid in looking after it when the appeal is taken up by the supreme court. Inquiry about the matter was rewarded with the statement that it had not been definitely decided upon as yet, and while the department was very much interested in the case, possibly there was no need of detailing aid to Mr. Brooks, but should Mr. Brooks indicate he wanted help, it was likely the attorney general would detail some one to aid him.

### The Western Lines.

Chicago, May 13.—A proposition was submitted to a vote of the Western roads to-day regarding the convention of the National Educational Society, which is to be held in Denver in July. The proposition is that the rates and arrangements tendered by lines west of the Missouri river and St. Paul for diverse route rates to Utah may be available in the sale of through tickets from and through the territory east of the Missouri river and St. Paul by adding to the round trip basing rates \$20 from Chicago and \$12 from St. Louis. The vote will not be completed inside of a week.

The speck of war which appeared among the Western lines because the Burlington was offering an excessive commission on summer tourist business to Colorado has vanished. The Burlington showed that its circular applied not to the regular summer tourist business, but to one of its "personally conducted" tours, and that when all things were taken into consideration the commission was not excessive at all. It agreed moreover to make certain small concessions to the other roads in the manner of handling its excursion to Colorado, which effectually settled the trouble, and there will now be no sitting of Western roads on the summer tourist rates.

### O. R. C. Convention.

Atlanta, Ga., May 13.—Several hundred delegates to the biennial convention of the Order of Railway Conductors, which begins its sessions here Wednesday, have already arrived in the city and hundreds of others are coming in by every train. It is expected that the total attendance will be between 1,500 and 2,000. Grand Chief Conductor Clark, Assistant Grand Chief Conductor Wilkins and Grand Secretary-Treasurer Daniels are already here. The opening exercises will occupy Tuesday night at the grand opera house, when the visitors will be welcomed to the state by Governor Atkinson and to the city by Mayor King. The convention will be in session until the 23d inst., business meetings being held every day.

## THAT CHILIAN EPISODE.

**Story of the Assault Upon American Sailors, as Told by One Who Claims to Have Witnessed It.**

The son of an English army officer, a participant in the Franco-Prussian war, and the man who performed an inestimable service to the United States in the Chilean revolution where American sailors were killed, in furnishing the evidence that secured the \$75,000 in gold from the Chilean government in indemnity to this country for the murder of United States sailors, is in Kansas City in actual want, sick in body, having just been discharged from a ten days' sickness in the city hospital.

Dr. H. M. Stanley is a distinguished looking, well educated man of 49 years, and a history of considerably more than passing interest, as he tells it. His story of the part he took in the Chilean affair, as told to a Journal reporter, is as follows:

"I was practicing medicine at Valparaiso at the time of the assault on the sailors of the Baltimore four years next September. I happened to be standing on the corner of a street, when I noticed a number of Chileans in pursuit of an American sailor. There were about forty of the Chileans, and all were armed with long knives. Just about opposite to where I was they caught the sailor, who proved to be Turnbull, of the ship Baltimore, and in an instant had inflicted eighteen wounds on his body with their murderous knives. I could not stand it to see forty on one, and so sprang forward, forcing my way through the angry Chileans with my heavy oak cane, and stood over the body of the prostrate sailor and ordered the Chileans to desist. They drew back for a moment, and that gave time for two or three American sailors to come to my aid.

"We carried Turnbull to the nearest drug store, where I dressed his wounds. I then tried to get him to an English hospital, but I failed in this. The Chilean mounted police, at the point of their bayonets, forced me to take him to the hospital of San Juan De los Rios, from which place he was the next day taken to the Baltimore by an armed guard from the vessel, where he died five days later. I believe that if I could have gotten him to an English hospital I would have saved his life.

"To know an American is sufficient to incur the enmity of a Chilean, and the fact that I had prevented the outright murder of an American sailor did not increase their regard for me. I was arrested the next day at Vina del Mar and was put into prison, where I received the most cruel and inhuman treatment, resulting in a broken arm. I was beaten with rifle stocks until I was bruised from head to foot. It was a favorite amusement with my captors to take me out several times a day with the avowed purpose of executing me.

"After a short confinement I managed to take advantage of the inattention of a sentinel and made my escape. I walked 150 miles on foot through a wild country with but an occasional habitation. On the afternoon of the tenth day I was rescued from where I was in an insane frenzy. I had wakened deep in a stream, and was taken to a ranch house near San Felipe. I was here three weeks in the hands of friends, when I returned to Valparaiso, and was at once informed that Captain Schley, of the Baltimore, desired to see me. I went on board and gave the evidence that secured the \$75,000 in gold paid by the Chilean government to the United States as an indemnity for the outrages imposed upon the American sailors during the outbreak of which I told you. Captain Schley publicly thanked me for the services I had rendered to him and to his country.

"I left Valparaiso on board the Itala and went to Callao, Peru, and from there came to Tacoma on the British ship Rec-ord. At Tacoma I found the officers of the Baltimore, and where public recognition

was extended to me in a reception and the bestowal of a liberal subscription by the people of that place."

Dr. Stanley was born in Dublin and acquired an education in the English and French schools. He served in the Franco-Prussian war and was present at the storming of the Tulleries and the escape of the empress. He then went into the service of the merchant marine as ship surgeon. He was on the sea for seven years, spending two years of that time in the Arctic. After leaving the sea he practiced medicine in various parts of the world for twelve years, when he removed to Chili.

Dr. Stanley has been in Kansas City for three weeks, spending ten days of that time in the city hospital. He very much desires to go East, but cannot for lack of funds.

### PENSIONS.

Washington, May 13.—The following pensions have been granted:

#### MISSOURI.

Original—Carl Steingrabe, St. Louis, St. Louis; William T. Childers, Winigan, Sullivan; Asa M. Dickinson, Rocky Comfort, McDonald; Gerhard Wolfemeyer, St. Louis, St. Louis; Charles Stoll, St. Louis, St. Louis; John R. Turner, Newtonia, Newton. Additional—Newton Wilson, Thayer, Oregon.

Increase—Isar C. Lawyer, St. Louis, St. Louis.

Release—John W. Thompson, Silverton, Douglas; James W. Warren, Reardon, Lincoln.

Original, widows—Helen E. Vohringer, St. Louis, St. Louis; Nancy A. Garne, Raymore, Cass.

Minors of Thomas C. Chapman, Empire Prairie, Andrew.

Minor of Dr. F. Youngblood, Bolivar, Polk.

Supplemental—Maria Veninga, St. Louis, St. Louis.

Mexican war survivor; Increase—Whitton G. Tate, St. Louis, St. Louis.

#### KANSAS.

Original—Enos Reed, Fort Dodge, Ford.

Additional—Alyce Stecher, National Soldiers' home, Leavenworth.

Restoration and release—Jefferson M. Clark, Wichita, Sedgewick.

Increase—John H. Medley, Paxico, Wabasha; John D. McWilliams, Attila, Harper; William Bradley, Famen, Montgomery.

Release—Ellsworth A. Mapes, Osage Mission, Neosho; John S. Brown, Topeka, Shawnee.

Original, widows—Release—Minors of Alexander Nelson, Olathe, Johnson.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

Additional—John W. Ray, Guthrie, Logan.

### BRIEF ITEMS BY WIRE.

Washington, May 13.—The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of 2.5 per cent in favor of the creditors of the insolvent First National bank of Abilene, Kas.

Geneseo, N. Y., May 13.—The mercury touched 30 here this morning. Yesterday 33 was reached and the temperature did not get above 40 all day. Much damage to fruit is expected.

Guthrie, O. T., May 13.—While John Stewart and several other farmers in Cleveland county were running rabbits on horseback yesterday two of the horses collided and Stewart was thrown off and instantly killed.

Belleville, Kas., May 13.—(Special.) While making up a train in the Belleville yards this morning, David Bennett, a Rock Island brakeman, was run over by an engine and badly injured. The amputation of one foot necessary.

St. Louis, May 13.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Lebanon, Ind., says: While blowing stumps to-day Albert Sackett and Frank Jones, living south of this city, were blown to atoms by the premature explosion of a stick of dynamite.

Fort Scott, Kas., May 13.—(Special.) Major Cole, the evangelist, commenced a series of revival services in this city last evening. A large tent has been secured and fully 5,000 people were present at the opening meeting last evening and to-night.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 13.—A special to the Wisconsin from Sault Ste Marie, Mich., says First Sergeant Fred Schmidt, of Company D, Tenth United States Infantry, blew his head off with an old army musket at Fort Brady. He had been in the service for twenty years.

Washington, May 13.—Mr. Frank H. Thomas, the chief clerk of the postoffice department, has resigned. Two years ago he was appointed chief clerk by Postmaster General Bissell, and his retirement is entirely voluntary and against the earnest protest of Postmaster General Wilson.

Washington, May 13.—The navy department officials had no information to give to the press to-night concerning the case of Admiral Meade. Secretary Herbert declined to say anything but intimated that he might possibly have something to make public concerning the matter to-morrow.

New York, May 13.—Reports from many sections of the state indicate that last night's frost did an immense amount of damage to growing vegetables, crops and fruit. Telegrams from Dunkirk state the entire grape crop of the Chautauque grape belt was ruined. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000 in this belt.

Dunkirk, N. Y., May 13.—Sunday night's frost has damaged the Chautauque grape crop. The vines appear black as if fire had passed over them. The crop will be a total failure in this vicinity. Small fruits are destroyed. Ice formed last night three-eighths of an inch thick on still water and vegetation was frozen stiff.

New York, May 13.—Dr. Henry Slade, the spirit medium who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last night while walking on Upper Broadway and was taken to Roosevelt hospital, is said to be very much improved to-day. He is conscious and the hospital authorities say he will be able to be about in a few days.

Chicago, May 13.—The Illinois Steele Company started two blast furnaces at the South Chicago works to-day and four others are in preparation to begin operations within two days. Contrary to expectations, no trouble was encountered when the works opened. Police guards were maintained at the mill gates.

Washington, May 13.—An arrangement has been effected between the United States and Great Britain in which October is set as the time for the assembling at Washington of a commission to negotiate a treaty as to claims of sealers on account of Herring Sea seizures. Delegates will come from Canada to meet the authorities here.

San Francisco, May 13.—The Chronicle publishes a page story from Vallejo this morning to the effect that Rudolph Schnaubelt, the anarchist who threw the bomb at the Haymarket riot in Chicago, on May 4, 1886, has been a resident of that city for several months. He disappeared a few days ago, and, it is said, is now on his way to Brazil.

Muskegon, I. T., May 13.—The Dawes commission began work here to-day. It is understood that they will confine themselves to the settlement of townsites equities the first thing. Chief Harris has called an international council to convene at Fort Gibson on the 25th to consider questions arising from the visit of the Dawes commission.

Green Bay, Wis., May 13.—A severe blizzard prevailed here from midnight to 9 a. m. to-day. Three inches of snow fell, accompanied by a wind blowing forty miles an hour. Great damage results to fruits, market gardens and growing grains. Freezing weather to-night will add to the destruction. Trains are not seriously delayed. Winter wheat and early corn have been hurt.

Philadelphia, May 13.—The Spanish government has notified the Cramps, ship builders, that the gunboat contracted for to be used on the river Cauto, in Cuba, will not be needed, as the Cuban rebellion is practically at an end. This is due to the reports made by General Campos, commander-in-chief of the Spanish troops in Cuba, that no further ships or materials of war be sent him.

New York, May 13.—Dispatches from various parts of the state report a cold wave with freezing temperature at many points. Ice formed in Rockland, Dutchess and other counties. Fruit trees and early vegetables have been damaged to a considerable extent. At Geneseo the mercury touched 30. Yesterday 33 deg. was reached and the temperature did not get above 40 deg. all day. Much damage to fruit is expected.

Cincinnati, O., May 13.—The United States weather bureau reports a killing frost at Pittsburg, Cleveland, Columbus, Parkersburg, W. Va., and Chattanooga, Tenn., this morning. Here the minimum thermometer range was 40 deg. Owing to cloudiness there was no frost. The frost at those points means a large area where great damage has been done to fruit and vegetables and possibly to wheat.

Macon, Mo., May 13.—(Special.) The cases against Fred and John Suhr and Mack Snider, charged with wounding Steven McCarty on the Burlington railroad between Macon and Beaver on the night of April 17, were dismissed on preliminary trial by Justice Ames this afternoon. There was no evidence to hold the prisoners and the first report that McCarty was wounded by the cars appears reasonable and correct.

Detroit, Mich., May 13.—Western Michigan dispatches received to-day indicate that fruit was not injured to any extent by the frost last night. Even the tenderest varieties are reported unharmed. In the Northern peninsula and in the northern part of the state, however, a heavy snow fell, with a freezing wind from the northeast, badly damaging vegetables and tender fruit buds. Snow was three inches deep in Menominee.